50. The user operable system of claim 48 where selection keys are arranged to fit the natural position of a user's fingertips when the device is held.

51. The user operable system of claim 42 further including a speaker and a microphone, and where the selection key is a hard key and is positioned on a surface of the device that does not include the display window.

52. The user operable system of claim 51 where the display screen is of a size such that it fills substantially the entire face of the device.

53. The user operable system of claim 51 where at least one action key is in reach of one of the user's thumbs when the device is held in the palm of the user.

54. The user operable system of claim 51 where the selection keys are arranged in two columns to fit the natural position of the user's finger tips when the device is held in the palms of the user's hands.

55. The user operable system of claim 51 where the microphone and speaker are separated by a distance so as to allow speaking and listening at the same time by the user.

56. The user operable system of claim 51 where there are exactly ten selection keys.

57. The user operable system of claim 51 where the side of the device having the larger display screen is used as a device selected from the group consisting of:

PDA;

personal communication device;

handheld organizer;

text messaging device;

handheld controller; and

a portable Web-surfing tool.

58. The user operable system of claim 51 where the side of the device having the selection keys, microphone, and speaker is used as a communication device.

59. A user operable system for the selection of characters, from a collection of characters, depicted on a display screen, comprising:

at least one character entry group window depicted within the display screen;

selection indicating means, associated with the character entry group window, for indicating a character entry

display window wherein each character in said character entry display window is directly associated with a character segment in said selection indicating means;

means for detecting the user selected character within said character group display window; and

means responsive to detecting the user selected character within said character group display window.

60. The system of claim 59, wherein the screen contains a text display window indicating a plurality of the selected characters within the compiled text.

61. The system of claim 60, wherein the text display window facilitates a means for the editing of characters.

62. A user operable character selection and entry system for compiling characters into a text string of characters by selection from a displayed character group comprising:

at least one character group graphic display window within the screen;

a selected character entry means wherein the character group display window is directly associated with a physical character entry key;

means responsive to detecting the user activation of a physical key;

means for detecting the user selection of a character group; and

means responsive to detecting the user selected character group.

63. A user operable system for the multiplexed selection of characters, from a collection of characters, depicted on a display, comprising:

at least one character group depicted in a spatial dimension on a display window of the system;

navigation means for alternately displaying, in a time dimension, one of a plurality of character groups selected from the collection of characters on the display window; and

means for detecting a user selected character within a displayed character group in order to output a signal representing the selected character.

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